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MASONS TO ATTACK CHURCH.

Start Anti-clerical Movement in Italy,

Grand Master Issuing a Most Vigor-

ous Manifesto.

Rome, Oct. 17.—All indications

point to the fact that the extremists

in Italy are determined to undertake

an anti-clerical campaign more vigor-

ous even than that in France. This is

being directed by the Free Masons,

whose grand master has issued a most

vigorous manifesto in behalf of Fer-

rer and against the church. An inter-

national subscription has been open-

ed for the purpose of collecting funds

to establish in the plaza of St. Peter's,

facing the vatican, Ferrer's mod-

ern school, which was suppressed in

Barcelona.

DR. JAMES H. CARLISLE ILL.

Condition of Venerable and Beloved

President Emeritus of Wofford

College Grave Anxiety.

Spartanburg, Oct. 16.—Dr. James

H. Carlisle is ill at his home on Wof-

ford campus and his condition has

caused much anxiety among his fam-

ily and friends.

He has been in feeble and declining

health for some months, and extra ex-

ertise this morning brought on a

slight attack from which he has not

yet recovered. His condition to-

night, however, shows improvement.

ANARCHISTS EXCITE MOBS.

Red Flag Raised in London—Alfonso

Called Murderer.

London, Oct. 17.—The red flag was

raised in London this afternoon and a

large mob moved upon the Spanish

embassy to make a demonstration of

its disapproval of the execution of

Prof. Francisco Ferrer, the convicted

revolutionist at Barcelona, a few days

ago.

Several bodies of police drove off

the crowd. While no blood was shed,

considerable excitement and unreason-

able pervaded that neighborhood. The

groans and howlings were painfully

heard in the embassy and at Buckingham

palace nearby.

The trouble began with a mass

meeting in Trafalgar Square, which

was organized by several Socialist

and labor bodies.

A black bordered banner was raised

against the Nelson column with big

letters that could be read from afar.

"To hell with the murderer Alfonso."

Vivtor Grayson of Manchester, the

Socialist member, capped the climax

of the speeches by declaring that if

the head of every king of Europe was

torn from his body it would not pay

half the price of Ferrer's life. He

called the Russian emperor "a dirty

monster," and said that King Ed-

ward, who could have prevented the

execution, was responsible for what-

ever might happen in England as a

result of it. He demanded the expul-

sion of the Spanish ambassador.

WANT POLE DISPUTE ENDED.

University of Copenhagen Asked to

Renounce Its Claim on Cook.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The Univer-

sity of Copenhagen was today request-

ed by the National Geographic Society

to renounce its first claim to an ex-

amination of Dr. Cook's observations

made during his search for the Pole.

The request was made because of

the failure of the society in conjunc-

tion with the American Geographical

Society and the American Museum of

Natural History to have Ira Remsen,

president of the National Academy of

Sciences, immediately to name a com-

mittee of eminent American scientists

to pass upon the validity of the evi-

dence submitted by Dr. Cook and

Commander Peary.

Dr. Remsen had indicated his will-

ingness to act only after he had been

requested to do so by both explorers,

and had received authority by the

council of the National Academy of

Sciences at its meeting about Novem-

ber 20. Up to the present time Dr.

Cook has not acted upon the sugges-

tion.

## DEATH DEALING STORM.

THIRTY-SEVEN KNOWN DEAD IN

CENTRAL SOUTH.

Damage of \$150,000 Reported From

Atlanta and Cartersville, Ga., With

Severe Loss at Other Points in

Track of Disturbance.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 15.—With the

known death list already reaching a

total of 37 human lives and with 13

others reported dead, with scores se-

riously injured and many others pain-

fully bruised, and with the property

damage running to a million or more

dollars, the toll of the havoc and de-

struction of the storm which swept

middle and west Tennessee, Alabama,

Georgia and portions of Arkansas and

South Carolina late yesterday after-

noon and last night grows hourly as

reports are received from remote dis-

tricts and as wire communication is

gradually restored to a normal con-

dition.

The storm of last night was the

worst that has visited this section of

the South in years, being intense in its

destroying fury and widespread in its

area. Whole sections of counties

were laid in waste, towns destroyed

and plantations greatly damaged.

Apparently the storm broke in all

its fury over middle and west Ten-

nessee and proceeded in a southeas-

terly direction across the State into

Alabama and Georgia, assuming the

proportions of a hurricane.

It came practically without warn-

ing and in some places the wind attained

a velocity of 90 miles an hour. While

only one death occurred at Denmark

Tenn., the horrors of the storm were

greatly heightened by the fire which

followed the wrecking of that town.

The fierce flames rapidly consumed

what few dwellings and store houses

that were left standing and tonight a

scene of utter desolation is presented.

Two hundred people were rendered

homeless and have appealed to neigh-

boring towns and cities for immediate

aid.

Reports of five deaths and heavy

damage come from McNairy county.

Homes and stores were leveled to the

ground and great trees uprooted.

Many handsome and imposing State

monuments in the Shiloh National

park were torn from their pedestals

and the superintendent's lodge and

other buildings were destroyed. The

property damage in this section is es-

timated at \$100,000.

Wire communication with Stanton-

ville, where 13 lives are reported lost,

has not yet been reestablished.

At Russellville, Ala., 27 people were

seriously, several fatally, injured.

A property damage of at least \$50,-

000 is estimated at Cartersville, Ga.,

while at Atlanta will run between

\$80,000 and \$100,000. One life was

lost at the former place.

Rome, Ga., Gadsden, Ala., Hunts-

ville, Ala., Decatur, Ala., and other

smaller towns in the path of the

storm report heavy property damage.

MCCARREN AT DEATH'S DOOR.

Condition of the Brooklyn Democratic

Leader Very Grave.

New York, Oct. 15.—State Senator

Patrick H. McCarren, the Democratic

leader of Brooklyn, is lying between

life and death tonight in St. Cathar-

ine's Hospital, in Brooklyn, with his

physicians hoping for the best, but

prepared for the worst.

Just after noon today he took a

turn for the worse, so alarming that

he expressed a desire to make his

will. Tonight a Catholic priest was

called in and administered the last

rites. It is believed if the senator

survives the night with any show of

vitality, he will have a fighting chance

for recovery.

WANTED TO KILL TAFT.

Aged Prospector at Albuquerque Ar-

rested by Police.

Albuquerque, Oct. 15.—Shouting

"where is Taft? I want to kill him,"

Thomas Thorp, an aged prospector,

approached Policeman Guevara today

a few minutes after President Taft

and party had reached Albuquerque.

Thorp was arrested. He had acted

queerly during the day, and at noon

asked Chief of Police McMillan a

number of questions which led the

chief to have him watched.

In the common pleas court a ver-

dict has been returned for the plain-

tiff in the sum of \$800 for alleged

damages in the case of Mrs. Anna Mc-

Lees and George McLees vs. the City

of Anderson. Suit was instituted for

damages of \$5,000 alleged to have

been sustained when a buggy of Mrs.

McLees ran into a hole on west Mar-

ket street, throwing her out against

the wheel.

## DR. COOK AND THE PUBLIC.

A Suggestion That the Explorer Might

Convince Before Further Exploit-

ing.

There are two circumstances that

make the present a timely moment

for taking a look at the situation

presented by Dr. Cook's relation to

the public, as it has developed in the

past six weeks. We refer, on the one

hand, to the fact that the board of

aldermen of the city of New York

are this week to confer on the explor-

er the freedom of the city, and, on

the other, to the statement just made,

on the part of Dr. Cook, that it will be

three months before he has his data

ready for submission to the Univer-

sity of Copenhagen. The conjuncture

is significant. For, though the board

of aldermen is not a body that in-

spires reverence or awe in the minds

of the people here at home, the con-

ferring of the freedom of the great

city of America upon Dr. Cook will

be telegraphed to every country in

the civilized world, and will, doubt-

less, be generally looked upon as evi-

dence that, after weeks of discussion

and inquiry, American opinion has

settled into acceptance of the doctor's

claim: while, on the other hand, so

far as proof of the claim is concerned,

we are not only no farther advanced

than we were at the beginning, but

are calmly informed that three more

months are to pass before even a be-

ginning can be made of a real in-

quiry.

Now, this might be allowed, per-

haps, to pass without comment, were

it not for the fact that Dr. Cook has

been utilizing this period of suspend-

ed judgment on the part of compe-

tent critics to transmute into very

handsome profits the uncritical en-

thusiasm of the multitude, and that

there is no indication that he means

to do otherwise with any additional

time that may be gained by further

postponement of a decisive test. That

this is not a situation in which a man

of a delicate sense of personal honor

would be willing to place himself goes

without saying; but the public, and

the organs of public opinion, have,

perhaps, no concern with the question

of Dr. Cook's standards of propriety

in such a matter. What they do have

a concern with is the possibility that

the public is being exploited—that is

being led into delivering both honors